

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17 stand rejected. Claims 1 and 17 are amended herein. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks and allowance of claims 1-17.

Claim 1 is amended to correct informalities. In particular, "network model" has been amended to "model network."

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as failing to claim patentable subject matter. Claim 17 has been amended to overcome the rejection per the Examiner's suggestion to recite a computer readable *storage* medium.

Claim 1-17 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,160,871 (Duree) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,133,919 (Bormann). A terminal disclaimer is included herewith to overcome the rejection.

Based on the above remarks, the Applicant submits that the claims in their present form are allowable. The Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

The Applicant hereby authorizes the Office to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0765 the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) for the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith. The Applicant believes no additional fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine additional fees are necessary, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0765 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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